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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Karen L. Le

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to applicant's response filed on March 28, 2005. Claims 1-11, are now pending in the present application. **This action is made non-final.**

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zhang et al. (U. S. 6,505,163) in view of Wallenius et al (US 2002/0183041).

Regarding claims 1-3, 4-6 and 8, Zhang teaches a method for routing calls in an Advanced Intelligent Network (Fig. 3, item 10) including the steps of:

- a) Attempting a switched-based call-forward service (Fig. 3, item 76) from a subscriber line in a Service Switching Point (SSP) (Col. 8, lines 41-42);
- b) detecting a trigger in the SSP based upon said step a) (Col. 8, lines 41-42);
- c) suspending call processing based upon said step b) (Col. 8, lines 41-42);
- d) Zhang does not teach during said step c) determining whether the call forward should be permitted and e) inhibiting or permitting the call-forward based upon the determination in said step d). However, Wallenius teaches determining whether the call

forward should be permitted and e) inhibiting or permitting the call-forward based upon the determination in said step d (Page 1, paragraph 0002). Wallenius teaches in current telecommunication networks, a typical intelligent facility is conditional call forwarding which requires a call state analysis and call rerouting according to the stored service profile of the call forwarding. Thus it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate Wallenius's feature to Zhang's system to forward call based on conditions stored on file.

Regarding claim 7, Zhang further teaches permitting the switch-based call forward in said step e) (Fig. 3, AIN 28 permits switch-base call forward LEC 76 in step e).

Regarding claim 9, Zhang further teaches said trigger is an Off-hook Delay trigger caused by the switch's attempt to forward the call (Fig 3, the trigger of SSP belong to LEC 76).

Regarding claim 10, Zhang further teaches forwarding the call to a second subscriber line (Fig. 3, forward to wireless 70).

Regarding claim 11, Zhang further teaches an Advanced Intelligent Network Service Switching Point (SSP) (Fig. 3, SCP 28) including:

A plurality of specific digit strings including a first specific digit string (Fig. 3, telephone number 22) a plurality of subscriber lines (lines 22 and 70) each assigned one of said plurality of specific digit strings, a trigger associated with said first specific digit string and activated by a call to the first specific digit string at the SSP, said SSP generating a request for a forwarding instruction based upon said trigger, and said SSP receiving said forwarding instruction and forwarding the call based upon the forwarding instruction (Fig. 4, items 82 and 86).

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Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-11 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.


Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karen Le whose telephone number is 703-308-4998. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on 703-305-4731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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